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SUBJ: US. PROFESSOR DESCRIBES FAMILY PLANNING AS

US. POLITICAL IMPERIALISM

1. MEXICO CITY NEWSPAPERS AUGUST 24 FEATURED PRESS CONFERENCE OF DR. PAUL MARX, PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY, ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY, COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA, UNDER TITLE "FEAR OF COMMUNISM HAS CAUSED US. TO PUSH BIRTH CONTROL PROGRAMS."

2. MARX REPORTEDLY SAID USG FEAR OF COMMUNIST TAKEOVER LATIN AMERICA DUE TO DEMOGRAPHIC EXPLOSION HAS PROMPTED PROGRAMS ON "THE USE OF CONTRACEPTIVES AND ABORTION." HE CLAIMED THAT USG PRESSURING LA GOVERNMENTS VIA AID, WORLD BANK AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, WITH EL SAVADOR'S LEGALIZATION OF ABORTION AS EXAMPLE SUCCESS. MEXICO CITY DAILY 'UNIVERSAL' REPORTS MARX SAYING "PART OF THE IMPERIALIST POLITICS OF THE UNITED STATES TOWARD LATIN AMERICA IS NOT ONLY TO PROMOTE THE USE OF CONTRACEPTIVE PROGRAMS BUT ALSO TO PROMOTE ABORTION, ESPECIALLY THROUGH THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AID)."

3. ACCORDING MEXICAN PRESS MARX VIEWED WITH SATISFACTION

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THE RESISTANCE OF MAJORITY LA COUNTRIES TO USG BIRTH

CONTROL OFFENSIVE, REQUESTING MEXICO BEGIN INSTRUCTION
"NATURAL METHODS" OF FAMILY PLANNING. APPEARANCE HERE
PART TRIP CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.

4. RECENT ARTICLES MEXICO CITY DAILY 'EXCELSIOR' HAVE
ATTACKED STERILIZATION ACTIVITIES COLOMBIA, LINKING
TO HITTLER "RACE PURIFICATION" EFFORTS, REITERATING
FREQUENTLY HEARD POSITION HERE THAT "BIRTH CONTROL IS
A QUESTION THAT EACH COUPLE MUST RESOLVE AND THAT THE
GOVERNMENT HAS AN OBLIGATION TO INFORM AND HELP, BUT
CANNOT LEGITIMATELY GO FURTHER."

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